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NORTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 3, 1883.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have the honor to herewith transmit a supplemental re-report of the Secretary of State and to ask your attention thereto.

I recommend that the Secretary of State be authorized to purchase the reports referred to by him.

I am, truly, your obedient servant,
THOS. J. JARVIS.

To His Excellency, Governor Jarvis:

SIR:—I beg leave to add a word to the recommendation contained in my last report in reference to the Supreme Court Reports.

Of the numbers printed by the State, there are now on hand for sale 208 volumes of No. 76, 198 of No. 77, 114 of No. 78, 9 of No. 81, 13 of No. 82, 10 of No. 83, 272 of No 84, 361 of No. 85, and 461 of No. 86. The volumes of No. 79 and No. 80 have been sold out altogether. There are now on hand only 1,646 volumes in all, which, at present

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prices, can be bought for $3,292, by any one who may choose to do so. A very small sum to invest in such a speculation. If this were done, the object of the State in printing the Reports would be defeated.

To prevent this state of things in future, I see but two ways. One is to print a very large edition of each volume of the Reports, so that it will be years at least before a corner can be made in them. This involves large expense of first cost and risk of storage beside, and at best answers for a time only. The other remedy is to stereotype each number, and from the stereotype plates print, from time to time, new editions as may be required. With the plates preserved, a corner would be impossible. Stereotyping, I am told, will increase the cost of the first edition about one-third; after editions will cost only for paper, press work, binding, etc. I respectfully suggest, therefore, that if the State intends to continue the control of the printing and sale of its Supreme Court Reports, that the printer be instructed henceforth to stereotype them.

So much for future Reports.

As to past Reports, I beg leave to inform your Excellency, with the request that you will lay the information before the General Assembly, that Mr. W. S. Mason has offered me for the State a large number of Reports at one dollar and sixty cents per volume all around, each volume to be perfect and to be bound.

It seems to me that there can be no doubt that this is an advantageous offer for the State, if it continues to supply Reports, and I therefore recommend its acceptance. Such another collection cannot be found anywhere.

If the State continues its control over the Reports, I would farther suggest most respectfully that the power of the Secretary to sell be confined to cases where the purchasers are members of the North Carolina Bar, and in that case to extend to one volume only of each Report unless in case of loss, destruction, &c., and to cases in which credible assurance sat-

isfactory to the Secretary is given, that the purchase is not made for speculation. There is an established trade in our Reports for public libraries and for members of the bar outside of the State that ought not to be cut off, and for that reason, the permission to sell in the latter class of cases ought to be given. Without some such provisions as these, I would not recommend the purchase of the Mason collection, as otherwise its choicest volumes would speedily become the prey of speculators. It seems to be the policy of the State to furnish its members of the bar with the Reports of the Supreme Court at a low price, and this being so, I have thought proper to offer these suggestions in aid of that purpose.

I enclose herewith the list of Reports offered by Mr. Mason, marked "A." I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,
W. L. SAUNDERS,
Secretary of State.

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1 Haywood,	37	Busbee's E.	319
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